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SUBJECT : BAHRAINI REQUEST FOR LCVPS

REF : MANAMA 024

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF
BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF), OPERATIVE PART OF WHICH IS AS
FOLLOWS: QTE THERE HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE THE NEED OF SIX
TO TWELVE SUITABLE WATER TRANSPORTS (FYI: MEANING BOATS
CAPABLE OF CARRYING HUMAN AND OTHER CARGO END FYI) FOR RELIEF
OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OF BAHRAIN. WE HAVE STUDIED
VARIOUS CATALOGUES AND BROCHURES BUT HAVE COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THE L.C.V.P.'S CURRENTLY BEING USED BY THE U.S.
NAVY IDEALLY MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. WE SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF
YOU COULD HELP US IN MEETING THIS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT THROUGH
U.S. NAVY SOURCES ON A PRIORITY BASIS. END QTE

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2. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF THE LETTER, EMBASSY OFFICER AND

NAVY CAPTAIN (WHO IS EXPERT IN AMPHIBIOUS MATTERS) HAVE DISCUSSED THE REQUEST WITH CHIEF OF STAFF. ALTHOUGH THE PURPOSE OF THE BOATS STILL SEEMS A LITTLE FUZZY TO US, CHIEF OF STAFF STATES THAT THE BDF WANTS TO DEVELOP A CAPABILITY, APART FROM THAT OF THE COAST GUARD, TO ASSIST RELIEF OPERATIONS IN OUTLYING ISLANDS DURING "EMERGENCIES" SUCH AS FLOODS AND WATER SCARCITY. BDF HAD CONSULTED CATALOGS AND JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS AND DECIDED THAT LCVPS WOULD BEST FIT ITS NEEDS. JUDGEMENT OF NAVAL CAPTAIN WAS THAT LCVPS COULD MEET THESE NEEDS AS WELL AS SERVE TRADITIONAL AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT PURPOSES. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: EVEN IF LCVPS COULD MEET THESE ESSENTIALLY CIVILIAN NEEDS, WE ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY PERSUADED IT IS THE CRAFT THAT COULD BEST MEET SUCH NEEDS AND HENCE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EXPERT SUGGESTIONS OF ALTERNATIVE U.S.-MANUFACTURED CRAFTS.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH THE REQUEST IS INFORMAL (REFTEL), WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF INFORMATION INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: (A) WHETHER LCVPS ARE AVAILABLE TO BDF EITHER THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS OR THROUGH FMS SALES CASE; (B) IF AVAILABLE, IN WHAT TIME FRAME AND AT WHAT COST; (C) WHETHER DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES ANY REALISTIC AND SIGNIFICANT POLICY PROBLEMS (I.E., "OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN GULF") IN U.S. SALE OF LCVPS TO BDF (EMBASSY ASSUMES THERE IS NO PROBLEM.)
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